



## Common Council – Special Statutory Minutes

The Common Council met at the City of Nekoosa Office

Location: Council Chambers, 951 Market St. Nekoosa, WI 54457

Time: Tuesday, April 21st, 2026, at 6:15 P.M.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Mayor Daniel J. Carlson. The roll call was conducted by City Clerk Kallee Ferk.

### Roll Call

Aldermen Present: Larry Krubsack, Alan Marcoux, Mike Kumm, Adam Buehring, Anthony Carlson, Dan Downing, Brad Hamilton, and Garrett Kuhn

Also in attendance was Rick Schmidt - Public Works Director, Mike Hartje – Fire Chief, Shawn Woods – Police Chief, and Darla Allen – Library Director

Attendance via Zoom: Nick Abts – City Attorney

### Citizen Comment

No comments were brought to the attention of the council.

### Committee Reports

#### Committee of the Whole

**A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole report of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 be accepted as written.**

Motion by: Brad Hamilton

Seconded by: Anthony Carlson

Motion carried unanimously.

#### *Meeting Minutes:*

- 1.) *Discussed the city's current estimated budget deficit of approximately \$150,000 for the fiscal year, as well as the potential for the deficit to increase further in the 2027 budget cycle. The discussion included consideration of personnel reductions and benefit reductions as a primary strategy to address and mitigate the projected shortfalls.*
- 2.) *Discussed the option of filling the officer position in the police department.*
- 3.) *Recommend the document of conditions for the clerk's maternity leave.*
  - a. *The clerk will continue working remotely during the period that would otherwise be designated as maternity leave.*
  - b. *The clerk respectfully requests to maintain her full salary, contingent upon the timely completion of all required reports and fiscal responsibilities, in accordance with the Employee Handbook Policy 2-1.*
  - c. *The work schedule would be flexible, allowing the clerk to log in as availability permits rather than adhering to the standard 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. hours. During this time, the clerk would prioritize emergent and high-priority matters, rather than routine day-to-day tasks.*
  - d. *The clerk will attend council meetings and other necessary engagements remotely via Zoom.*
  - e. *The clerk is willing to be present in person for critical functions such as Board of Review and Election Day, as needed.*
  - f. *For in-person absentee voting during the November election, Bobbi Hertzberg, the Treasurer, is prepared to assist. Alternatively, the clerk can coordinate with the county to manage election-related responsibilities, with compensation of \$2,500 if that option is preferred.*
  - g. *Additionally, the clerk requests consideration to continue working remotely till the end of the year, as childcare availability is expected to begin at that time and since she will have worked throughout her earned leave.*
  - h. *The proposed arrangement would remain subject to any medical guidance from the clerk's healthcare provider, and she would adjust or suspend these plans if medically necessary.*
- 4.) *Discussed the employee handbook.*

Respectfully submitted, Kallee Ferk, Secretary

**Motion that Item 3 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted for action.**

Motion by: Brad Hamilton

Seconded by: Anthony Carlson

Roll call vote: 7 Ayes, 1 Nays.

Alan Marcoux voted Nay.

**Ways & Means**

**A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Ways & Means Committee report of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 be accepted as written.**

Motion by: Dan Downing

Seconded by: Brad Hamilton

Motion carried unanimously.

*Meeting Minutes:*

1.) *Audited all the bills.*

2.) *Recommend fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquor license to Heather Sairs with "For Nekoosa."*

*Respectfully submitted, Brad Hamilton, Secretary*

**Motion that Items 1 and 2 of the Ways and Means Committee Meeting be adopted for action.**

Motion by: Dan Downing

Seconded by: Brad Hamilton

Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

No old business items were brought forward for discussion.

**New Business**

**Discussion of Municipal Board of Canvass results from Spring Election 04.07.2026.**

The city clerk presented the results of the Board of Canvass for the spring election held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The Board of Canvass was held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The results were as follows:

Ward 1: Larry Krubsack won with 149 votes.

Ward 2: Michael Kumm won with 122 votes.

Ward 3: Anthony Carlson won with 155 votes.

Ward 4: Garrett Kuhn won with 105 votes.

**Motion to adopt the Municipal Board of Canvass results.**

Motion by: Brad Hamilton

Seconded by: Anthony Carlson

Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Audit Bill List / Approval of Bills**

Pooled Cash:

Check #64922 payments from 04/15/2026 – 04/21/2026

**Total Expenditure from all Funds = \$105.05**

Payroll:

Check #56355-56361 Voucher #V14369- V14398 payments from 04/15/2026– 04/21/2026

**Total: \$73,199.79**

**A motion was made to approve the bills for the month.**

Motion by: Brad Hamilton

Seconded by: Anthony Carlson

Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.**

Motion by: Brad Hamilton

Seconded by: Larry Krubsack

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.